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COVID-19 Vaccination Programs Special Edition - October 1, 2021



This week's edition of the Office of Recovery Newsletter focuses on two available grant programs that aim to increase vaccination equity and outreach in Kansas. Our Program Spotlight section highlights the COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccination Equity Supplemental Funding (PAVE) program and the "Increase the Reach" initiative.

Those who remain unvaccinated are at increased risk, especially as the Delta variant continues to spread. By expanding COVID-19 vaccine resources, the Governor aims to ensure greater equity and access to vaccines for those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including high-risk and underserved populations such as racial and ethnic minorities and rural communities. For more information about COVID-19 vaccinations in Kansas, visit www.kansasvaccine.gov

For the latest informational resources available to Kansans, see the "Updates to Services and Support" section of this newsletter.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Office of Recovery website at:

COVID.ks.gov

Program Spotlight





Funding Available to Help More Kansans Get Vaccinated

The Federal COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccination Equity Supplemental Funding (PAVE) program provides funding for Kansas to support local efforts to increase vaccine uptake by expanding COVID-19 vaccine programs and ensuring greater equity and access to vaccines by those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including high-risk and underserved populations such as racial and ethnic minorities and rural communities.

There are many types of organizations that are eligible for these funds, including: clinics, colleges/universities, community organizations, faith-based organizations, Kansas tribes, local government groups, nonprofits and pharmacies.

The [PAVE grant application](#) must be completed on or before December 31, 2021.

Allowable Uses of PAVE Funding

Requested funds must be utilized to support and strengthen critical immunization planning and implementation requirements and activities to ensure effective and efficient COVID-19 vaccination distribution. This includes expanding the existing immunization infrastructure, engaging in additional partnerships, and implementing and evaluating new strategies to reach affected populations.

Examples of allowable PAVE costs include, but are not limited to:

- Local education campaigns to increase vaccine confidence and combat misinformation.
- Support to adapt materials for target audiences, including language translation.
- Media buys, such as radio and television ads.
- Sessions with trusted leaders among underserved and/or affected communities to better understand community needs (e.g. town hall meetings, focus groups, round table discussions, etc.).
- COVID-19 vaccination supplies (including personal protective equipment, sanitation, oxygen tanks/bottles, and injection site medical supplies) for vaccine events.

- Space rental for vaccine events, training, education, and focus groups.
- Assistance in providing access to vaccination activities, including transportation and mileage reimbursement (reimbursement will be provided at the federal rate or according to agency policy, whichever is less).
- Coverage of transportation costs (e.g. bus fare vouchers, ride share programs, and taxi fare). Note: Uber and Lyft offer free ride programs for vaccination.
- Personnel (e.g. meeting facilitators, vaccinators, translators).

PAVE funds are not allowed to be used for food or drinks, construction costs, purchase of vehicles, personal care outside of vaccination events, and vaccine incentives. PAVE funds cannot replace other federal, state, or local funds that would otherwise be available for the proposed COVID-19 related activities.

For more information on this program, visit kansascovidgrants.com. If you need assistance with the PAVE application process, including language translation services or accessibility support, please contact the Grants Office at 785-291-3205 or PAVE@ks.gov. A staff member will be able to assist applicants with any questions or connect you with the proper resources needed to complete the application process.



Grant Program Aims to Increase the Reach of Vaccinations in Kansas

The “Increase the Reach” Initiative, created through a partnership between the Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), provides an additional opportunity for community-based organizations to receive funding to continue their vital work in promoting health equity through vaccinations. The program specifically aims to reach socially vulnerable populations and those experiencing low vaccination rates, including both racial and ethnic minority populations as well as rural communities.

This program aims to empower community organizations promoting equitable access to the free, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccine for all Kansans. The grants

will enable these organizations to expand access to vaccines and increase vaccine acceptance among those who are unvaccinated. While the primary focus is on COVID-19 vaccines, applicants may also address routine lifespan vaccines as well as part of a larger push for health equity across the State.

Grants will be awarded to applicants with documented success in reaching vulnerable populations, with grants expected to range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Eligible organizations include but are not limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers, safety net clinics, state-funded community clinics, community-based organizations, and other nonprofits.

Applications will be accepted until funding is expended, with due dates established on a quarterly basis beginning in October 2021. First round applications should be submitted for consideration by 5 p.m. CT on October 15, 2021. Additional application rounds will run thereafter.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.increasethereach.com/>

Updates to Services and Support



Webinars and Q&A Sessions

For additional support in spending and reporting federal relief funds, please consider attending a webinar or Q&A session hosted by the RO. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Available Statewide Contract Options Webinar**

Attend this presentation by the Office of Recovery to learn more about the statewide contract options available to local governments through the State of Kansas, for streamlined procurement processes. This webinar will take place Wednesday, October 6 at 11 AM CT. You can register for this webinar here: [Webinar Registration](#).

- **Office of Recovery Q&A Sessions**

Join us for an opportunity to ask the Office of Recovery questions about applying for funds, guidance from Treasury, upcoming deadlines, and other topics.

These sessions will be held every Thursday at 1 PM CT. You can join the session by registering here: [Register for Q&A Session](#).

American Rescue Plan Act

- The latest version of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on ARPA can be found [here](#).
- Local Governments and State Agencies can find a checklist to use before spending ARPA funds [here](#).
- The Office of Recovery has also updated its website to include a [Compliance Resource Library](#), which is meant to assist state agencies, local governments, and other stakeholders with receiving, expending and reporting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Over the last few weeks several job aids have been added to the library:
 - [Cost Principles – Basic Considerations](#): This document is based on 2 CFR 200.400 - 200.419, and provides a list of the CFRs (considerations such as allowability, allocable costs, direct costs) as well as information about each one.
 - [Cost Principles – Selected Items of Cost](#): This document lists the CFRs in the Uniform Guidance's "Cost Principles-Selected Items of Cost." Titles of these CFRs and whether or not it is chargeable to a federal award is also included.
 - [Pass-Through Responsibilities Checklist](#): This checklist outlines the pass-through entity's requirements as listed in the Uniform Grant Guidance.
 - [Fraud, Waste and Abuse Guide](#): This document is an informational guide to provide a basic understanding of Fraud, Waste and Abuse
 - [Federal Conflict of Interest Form](#): This is a template from HRSA.gov that models the process of disclosing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
 - [Grant Compliance Checklist and Guide](#): This tool is a checklist/guide for overall grant compliance – ARPA, SLFRF and Uniform Guidance. Includes expenditure allowability, reporting, internal controls, uniform guidance and closeout.

CRF Investment Dashboard

For the latest on how **2020 COVID Relief Funds** are spent, please visit [the Investment Dashboard](#). The Investment Dashboard has been updated with July 2021 data, showing Kansas has allocated \$1.004 billion and expended \$989 million in total CRF funds.

Contact the RO

The Office of Recovery is here to offer support and coordination, and you can submit a question or inquiry via the [Contact Us form](#). Please visit covid.ks.gov for up-to-date information and resources on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for Kansas residents, businesses, and communities.

[Question/Request Form](#)

Warm Regards,

DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Ed.D. Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

On behalf of the Office of Recovery, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly

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